

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In response to the Examiner's suggestion on page 3 of the current Office Action, the following amendments are made (to the Substitute Specification which accompanied the First Preliminary Amendment filed June 6, 2006), to the paragraph starting on page 17, line 6, and ending on page 17, line 21, of the aforementioned Substitute Specification:

The first dimples 52 form lines from the through-hole 45 side being one-end portion in the longitudinal direction of the ball seat 4 to the equator E side along the longitudinal direction [[A1]] of the ball seat 4 and are provided in a plurality of tiers, for example, in three tiers, along the circumferential direction, namely, the latitudinal direction A1 adjacent to each other. In addition, these first dimples 52 have opening areas equal to each other. Namely, the first dimples 52 have diametrical dimensions [[a]] equal to each other. Furthermore, for these first dimples 52, the respective lines are arranged so as to have angles approximately equal to each other in the latitudinal direction of the ball seat 4. In other words, the first dimples 52 are arranged almost uniformly in the latitudinal direction of the ball seat 4. Moreover, the respective tiers of the first dimples 52 are concentrically arranged around a center axis of the ball seat 4.